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PLACE: KARESUANDO

COUNTRY: SWEDEN

Population: About 1,000

Province: Lapland

330 meters above sea level.

Date of Observation: 13 Apr. '51

General Description:

Farming village, educational center, focus of religion life of surrounding Lapps. Transport junction for road traffic between north Sweden and Finland. Becoming significant as junction for through traffic over land through North Norway via Kautokeino. Lapp trading center.

Geographic Description:

Low rolling country around valley of Muonio River at foot of plateau which rises to highlands west of Norwegian border. Note Muonio River is boundary between Finland and Sweden until its junction with the Torne River which it follows to the sea at Tornio.

Occupations:

Agricultural  
Hay and dairy farming  
Some Reindeer in Hinterland  
especially on plateau

Fishing                      Industrial  
Summer fishing for    Minor local  
local use on river  
and lakes.

Natural Vegetation:

Birch woods with some pine which extends part way to Syvajarvi on the north.

Land Forms and Geology:

Low rolling terrain, old lake bottoms, river terraces. Town on a peninsula between lake and river.

Mining:

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Population (racial, cultural, linguistic): Was originally Lapp now Swedish and Lapp with considerable Finnish intermixture. All three languages are used locally.

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Climate and Weather

Temperatures:  $-4^{\circ}\text{C}$

Precipitation: About one foot of snow on last day, on top of general snow cover.

Clouds: Ten-tenths, wind south #5.

Other: Strong blizzard blowing which may be exceptional at this season. Low pressure area from northwest.

Electric Power: Local hydroelectric

Source: Local hydroelectric

Voltage: 230

Cycle: 50

Extent of Grid: Complete local

Telephone Yes Telegraph Yes Radio        TV       

TRANSPORTATION: (From: Karesuando To: Vittangi and Kautokeino and Haparanda)

Railway: None

Station:

Ballast:

Power :

Gauge :

Bridges:

Highways:

Route No's : #343 to Vittangi, #400 to Haparanda. No road north.

Note - A new road follows Finnish side of Muonio River from southern Finland to Nor. Highway #50 at Skibotn.

Surface Type: Gravel

Width : Two-car

Seasonal Use: All year., except route to Norway.

Underpass : Modern bridge on highway in Karesuando.

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Ferries:

Location: Near church in Karesuando across Muonio River to Katavuopio in Finland.

Tonnage :

Capacity: 6 cars and foot passengers

Schedules: Closed for Winter, ice with 8 ton limit used.

Steamers: None

Routing:

Tonnages:

Capacity:

Schedules:

Bus Routes: All season - Kiruna by way of Vittangi and Svappavaara, Haparanda via Pajala. Norway via Skibotn Summer only. Norway via Kautokeino Summer: snowmobile Winter only.

Winter:

Other Transportation:

Road distances Vittangi 110 kms. Kiruna 185 kms., Pajala 190 kms., and Haparanda 380 kms.

MAPS

<u>Title</u>	<u>Scale</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Publisher</u>
No local plans			
German Army Typographic	1:300,000	1944	
Swedish Turist-Kartan Road Map Sheet #24			

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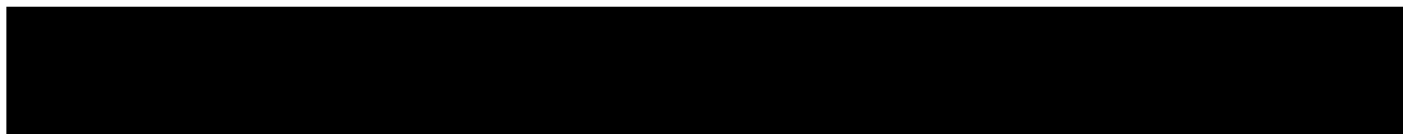
Guide and Other Books: None except sections of guide books, e.g. S.T.F. Hotel Guide  
Title Author Date Publisher Shell Motorist's Cost etc.

PERSONAL DATA:

Date of travel to this place: Apr. 12, '51 Arrived: 10:30 pm  
 Starting Point: Galanito Departed: 6:30am Apr. 14, '51  
 Distance traveled (in kms): \_\_\_\_\_  
 Vehicles Used: Reindeer sledge  
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 Where stayed: Grapes Hotel Comments: Good

CONTACTS:

25X1X6 Name Address Position T.ph. Comment



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Photographs:

Purchased locally: None

Taken: Color and black and white. General views of village, school, etc.  
Poor conditions.

Sketches Made:

None

Location

Description

SUPPLEMENTARY DATA

Industries:

Type

No. of Workers

Products

Power

None apart from minor local needs.

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SEAPORTS:

General Comments:

NONE Inland town.

Cargo Handling:

Wharves:

Name:

Location

Depth

Lighters:

Cranes:

Location

Tonnage

Comments

Repair Facilities

Machine Shops:

Foundries:

Dry docks:

Salvage gear:

Supplies Available

Water \_\_\_\_\_

Coal \_\_\_\_\_

Provisions \_\_\_\_\_

Oil-Fuel \_\_\_\_\_

Engineering \_\_\_\_\_

Diesel Fuel \_\_\_\_\_

Deck \_\_\_\_\_

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